

# Prophetstown Fen Nature Preserve

County: Tippecanoe      Size: 134 acres

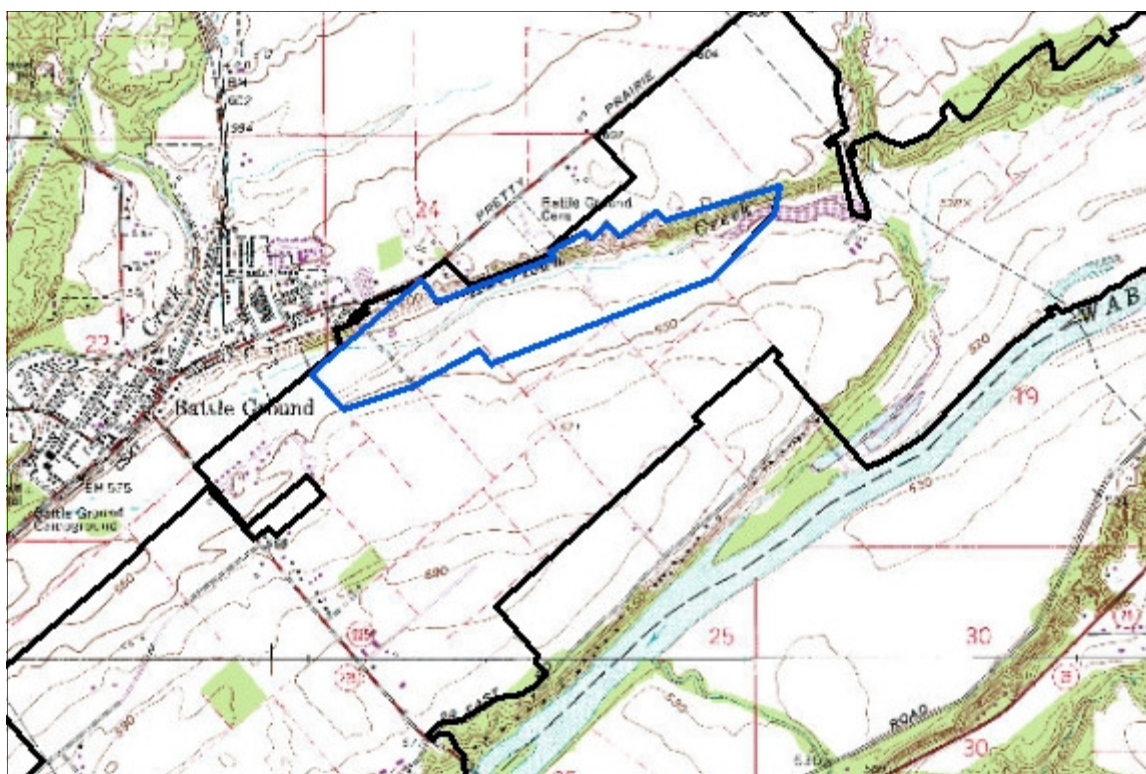
Ownership: State Parks & Reservoirs—IDNR

## Location and Access:

**Parking and Trails.** This nature preserve (Blue outline) is within Prophetstown State Park (Black outline). There is a **fee** to get into this State Park. See their website (listed below) for up-to-date info. **Directions from their website:**

“Take I-65 to exit number 178 which is SR 43 Go SOUTH on SR 43 (away from the park---trust me this is correct) for a very short distance and then turn LEFT onto Burnett Rd. Burnett Road will “T” into 9th St. Go right on 9th St. to Swisher Road which will be a HARD left immediately after the Veterinary Office. Once on Swisher Road you will cross back under the Interstate and find the Park Gatehouse directly ahead. **Do not use computer mapping directions, they are incorrect. Due to difficulties it will land you in the WRONG PLACE.**”

The Prophetstown Fen Nature Preserve can be reached by two walking trails within the State Park. Here is a link to the Prophetstown State Park Brochure with a map of the trails: [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/prophetstown\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/prophetstown_trail.pdf)



## Description:

This preserve consists of one of the largest and highest quality fens known in Central Indiana. Other natural communities found within this preserve include sedge meadow, wet prairie, and Wabash Valley bluff dry-upland forests. Harrison Creek, named for William Henry Harrison, is a permanent, high quality seepage-fed stream that runs through much of the preserve. Harrison Creek arises within the fen and meanders through a peatland scattered with boulders left by glacial ice. Noteworthy species found in this preserve include: the sedge wren (*Cistothorus platensis*), shining ladies tress (*Spiranthes lucida*) an Indiana native orchid, prairie violet (*Viola pedatafida*), Canada burnet (*Sanguisorba canadensis*), northern leopard frog (*Rana pipiens*), Blanchard's cricket frog (*Acris crepitans blanchardii*), and the eastern box turtle (*Terrepenne carolina*).

## Further Information:

Prophetstown State Park. 4112 E. State Road 225, West Lafayette, IN 47906, 765-567-4919

[www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/)

Division of Nature Preserves. 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W267. Indianapolis, IN 46204. 317-232-4052.

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